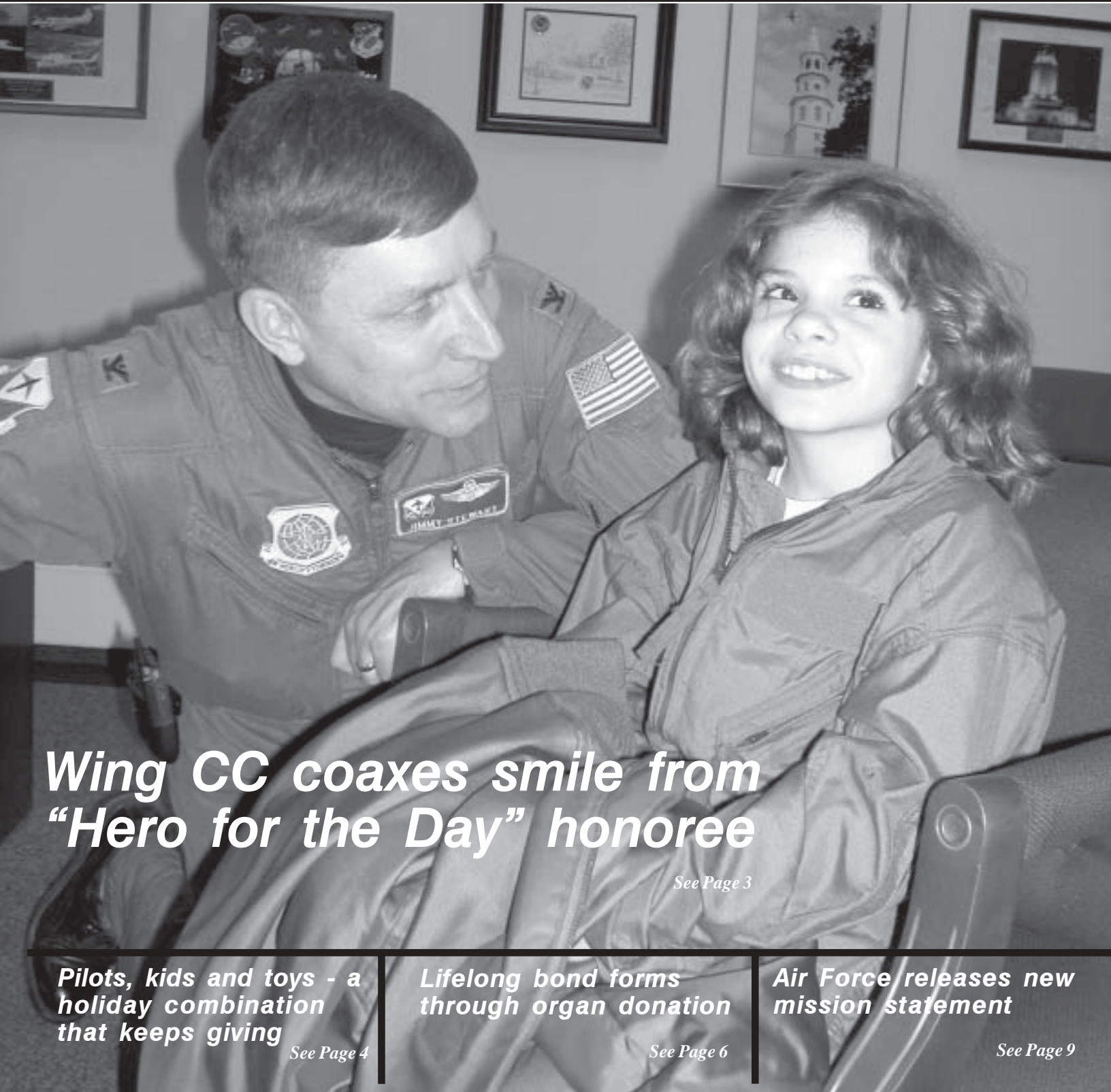


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## COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT



## Chief Alden discusses resolutions for your military career in 2006

**By Chief Master Sgt. Mary Alden**  
Command Chief Master Sergeant.

In the beginning of a new year each of us, in our own way, set goals and resolutions to give us a little focus. I want to touch base on the military goals that I hope all of you are looking at and give some food for thought on setting priorities in making this a great year for your career.

The three areas I want to touch on are professional military education, job performance and deployments.

PME is one of the most important parts of your career for advancement in rank. It can also be the most challenging to complete, whether you're enlisted or an officer. We can all say "I'm too busy, there is too much going on in my life," and what you will find if you put it off is that your life will always be busy.

So if you have not done it, talk to your training section and sign up for the PME that you need to advance in your career. Stay focused and set dates to finish it in a timely manner and then you will be ready when the door of opportunity opens to be considered for the next promotion opportunity.

Job performance is another area to set goals in that once attained can help advance your career. You might have job-skill levels in the enlisted grades to accomplish and its by working with your supervisor that you will get these goals accomplished. You, your super-

visor and your training noncommissioned officer are a team. Taking time to sit and evaluate where you are in your training schedule will help you know where you need to go. Set time lines and have a checklist of what you need to do. Ask for feedback as to how you're doing and then you can plan your strategy for the year in the area of job performance and training.

The final item is deployments. We have units that will be working in the Air Expeditionary Forces and it is very important that you have all your affairs at home, on your civilian job and at the reserves in order before you leave. Checklists are available through Family Support and through your unit deployment managers to make sure you have all your paperwork in order. Take time to speak to your spouse or the designated person who will handle issues for you so they know what needs to be done in your absence. Introduce them to key members of the unit so they will have a contact here at McGuire Air Force Base if they need it.

Put all this in place and you can go do your job with a peace of mind that will help you accomplish your tasking and return safely to your family and the wing.

Goals are very important and give you focus on where you have been, where you are, and where you want to go. Set goals and then feel the reward as you accomplish them and move forward in your career. Happy New Year and good luck!



USAFR Graphic by William Pope

**For safety sake scrap and clean all of your vehicle's windows for 100 percent visibility.**



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Photo by Kenn Mann

**LIFE BOND - (Front)** As the recipient of her kidney, Air Force spouse, Marie McCauley shares more than keyboards with Mary Vanderwilt, director, 514th Air Mobility Wing Family Support. Three months after the organ donation surgery the two, now lifelong friends, sing Christmas carols together prior to the McCauley family's reassignment to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.



Photo by Scott Spitzer

**PILOTS FOR KIDS -** Members of the local chapter of "Pilots for Kids" gather Dec. 22 with New Jersey Shore Hospital staff, family members and patients during their annual visit to the hospital to personally deliver donated toys and presents to children with illnesses during the holiday season. The nonprofit organization is dedicated to raising the spirits of children hospitalized during the holiday season.

## On the cover



Photo by MSgt. Donna T. Jeffries

**Eight-year-old, Cheyanne Matthews, shares a laugh with Col. James N. Stewart, commander, 514th Air Mobility Wing, Dec. 3 as part of her visit during the "Hero for the Day" program sponsored by the 732nd Airlift Squadron. Eight-year-old Cheyanne who suffers from a heart condition called Tetralogy of Fallot, has undergone three open-heart surgeries since age two. Her latest was performed Dec. 22. Contact SMSgt. Michael Ferraro at (609) 754-3313 for more information about the Hero for the Day Program.**

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**Happy  
New Year!**

# VIBES:

*January is National Letter Writing Month. Who was the last person you wrote a letter to and why was it written?*



MSgt. Joseph DiLorenzo  
732nd AS

*I've been on active duty over two years now and this fall I wrote my employers, Merrill Lynch, letting them know I was okay and that things are very busy.*



TSgt. Kimberly Frymire  
514th AMDS

*I haven't written one in a long time, but my son wrote me a note from a school day camp he went to a few months ago. He got home before the letter came, but it was sweet.*



SSgt. Monica Dalberg  
514th AMW

*I wrote a fan letter to Rick Springfield... Just kidding. I don't even remember. I do write long messages in cards - does that count?*



MSgt. John Gallagher  
514th LRF

*To my daughter serving our country in Iraq. I sent a hearty hello from the family packed with gifts from the nieces and nephews.*



Maj. Rod Biggs  
78th ARS

*My wife and I do the typical "Christmas catch-up" letter. With the hustle and bustle of the season, we wait until after the holidays to mail the letters.*



AF Photo by Carlos Cintron

**Airman 1st Class Thaltha Choudhury picks up his computer from the McGuire Family Support Center Dec. 8. The Airman was one of eight wing members to receive a free computer from the nonprofit organization, Operation Home Link, whose mission is to facilitate troops staying in contact with their family members while deployed.**

## Quarterly CC call set

The wing's quarterly commander's call is scheduled for Feb. 12 and Feb. 26 at the base theater. There will be two sessions each day. The first begins at 8:30 a.m. and the second starts at 2:30 p.m. To ensure safety and fire codes are adhered to under the building occupancy limits, unit members are requested to attend commander's call using the following schedule:

### Feb. 12

**8:30 a.m.**  
514th AMW  
514th AMDS  
88th APS  
714th AMXS  
514th MXG  
514th MOF  
514th MXS  
514th AMXS

**2:30 p.m.**  
514th OG  
514th OSS  
732nd AS  
514th AES  
514th ALCF  
76th ARS  
722nd ASTS

### Feb. 26

**8:30 a.m.**  
514th MSG  
514th LRF  
514th MSS  
514th SVF  
514th CES  
514th SFS  
514th CS

**2:30 p.m.**  
514th ASTS  
714th AES  
78th ARS  
514th AMXS  
714th AMXS  
35th APS

## SFS in running for AFRC award

An Air Force team will determine if the 514th Security Force Squadron from McGuire AFB, N.J., or the 910th SFS from Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio, is the best Air Force Reserve unit for 2005. In addition, the 514th SFS has a representative in the hunt for a top individual award in the Air Force. McGuire's Staff Sgt. Claude Rhone is seeking the title of the best traditional reservist airman.



# Sick kids receive Christmas cheer

By SSgt. Cecilia McRobie  
514 AMW Public Affairs

Children are one of life's most precious gifts, and when a child is ill or injured, the natural reaction for many is to reach out to offer assistance.

That's how Pilots for Kids, an international organization dedicated to helping hospitalized youngsters, got started. Founded in 1983 by airline crewmembers, the nonprofit organization's primary activity is visiting children's hospitals during the holiday season and taking toys to each child.

Maj. Rodney Biggs, KC-10 pilot with the 78th Air Refueling Squadron started a local Pilots of Kids chapter here, in 2000 that's still going strong.

"In the last five years, we have been able to raise about \$15,000 to pay for toys and various equipment the hospitals need and can't get due to budget constraints," said Major Biggs.

This year, on Dec. 22, Major Biggs and six other chapter members visited the Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune, N.J., to distribute their bags of holiday cheer. "It is really a neat experience to put a smile on a kid's face who is in the hospital and even better since they are hummed to be in the hospital during the holidays," said Major Biggs, who originally became a Pilots for Kids member in the summer of 1999, the year his then two-year-old son Nolan became seriously ill and spent weeks in the hospital.

The number of gravely sick children they saw stunned Major Biggs and his wife. Nolan is fine today, but his parents were so moved by the experience, they wanted to find a way to help kids who were less fortunate. During one hospital visit, Major Biggs tells about seeing a brochure on the organization. From there everything is history.

His local chapter has seven members and Major Biggs said they



Photo by Scott Spitzer

**Capt. Cyndi Larsen and Maj. Rodney Biggs, members from the 514th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, hand out Christmas gifts to Shadasia, a patient at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, as part of a "Pilots for Kids" program on Dec. 22.**

use their annual membership dues of \$15 to defray expenses so that 100 percent of the collected donations are used to benefit children.

Pilots for Kids members include corporate, military and private pilots, and aviation enthusiasts. The group seeks people who want to help buy toys, work with area hospital directors to set up visits and deliver presents to the children.

"The name of the organization is deceiving—it should be called "Aviation Enthusiast for Kids" since you don't have to be a pilot at all to come and help out," said Major Biggs.

For more information about Pilots for Kids, visit the Website at [www.pilotsforkids.org](http://www.pilotsforkids.org).

## Expeditionary course prepares senior leaders for deployment

By Senior Master Sgt. Paula A. Paige  
AMWC Public Affairs

**FORT DIX, N.J.** – Thanks to the new Expeditionary Mission Support Group Commanders' Course, senior Air Force leaders can polish their skills before deploying to a wartime environment.

Offered by the Expeditionary Operations School housed at the Air Mobility Warfare Center here, the 3½-day course is designed for colonels who are primed for deployed mission support group commander positions overseas. Funded by the Warfare Center, which will cover travel, lodging and per diem costs, the first Expeditionary Mission Support Group Commanders' Course is scheduled for Feb. 7-10 and will enroll 18 students. The target students are colonels and colonel-selects.

"When I was a Mission Support Group commander, I felt I had the skills and knowledge to command my group at home, but I was not as confident of my abilities if I had been called upon to open a base in a deployed environment," said Col. Shelley Christian, commandant of the Expeditionary Operations School. "The Expeditionary Mission Support Group Commanders Course is the next step in training, verifying and validating the competency of our Expeditionary Combat Support forces."

"The Mission Support Group commander's job in the in-garrison environment is very different from that in the expeditionary environment," Colonel Christian said. "We never had a course that covers the broad spectrum of responsibilities of the deployed group com-

mander, nor have we provided the opportunity for seasoned Expeditionary Mission Support Group commanders to share their experiences and thoughts first-hand. We aim to provide our Mission Support Group commanders with every possible tool to meet the extremely tough mission in the area of responsibility."

"We need to get the word out to the prospective students," said Ms. Pat Refsdal, the course director. "The teaching methods include briefers from the Pentagon, experts from the Joint Staff and individuals returning from the expeditionary environment. We rely heavily on past EMSG commanders. There are student quotas for all major commands, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve."

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# *A tale of two kidneys*

## **Reserve civilian saves life of milit**

**By Staff Sgt. Monica L. Dalberg**  
**514 AMW Public Affairs**

**I**n April 2005 when Mary Vanderwilt read the McGuire Airtides, a 305th Air Mobility Wing weekly publication, the director of the 514th Air Mobility Wing Family Support, had no idea the base paper was about to change her life and, in turn, help her to change the lives of a few others.

Mrs. Vanderwilt came across a story that day about Marie McCauley, wife of Staff Sgt. Anthony McCauley of the Air Mobility Warfare Center, Fort Dix, N.J., and mother of 11-year-old Mykia. Mrs. McCauley was in dire need of a kidney, as her own kidneys had deteriorated to complete failure after 11 years of undiagnosed Type 2 diabetes. Her condition required dialysis treatment that she was undergoing at Penn University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

The National Kidney Foundation Website, [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org), states the main function of the kidneys is waste removal of products and excess fluid from the body through a complicated process of excretion and reabsorption, vital in maintaining a stable chemical balance in the body. The kidneys also produce hormones that stimulate red blood cell production, blood pressure regulation, as well as calcium metabolism control.

The Website also explains the three different treatments for kidney failure: hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and kidney transplant.

Mrs. McCauley was receiving hemodialysis, treatment with an artificial kidney that can be performed at a dialysis unit or at home. The treatment is usually performed three times a week and each session takes three to five hours. According to Mrs. McCauley, a catheter is placed into the patient's arm for the process, however, since her veins are small and thin, it required the catheter to be placed in her chest instead. Treatment through the chest requires longer dialysis sessions, does not clean the blood as thoroughly and may still leave the patient with fatal toxin levels in the body.

Prior to the April article, Mrs. McCauley says her doctors had informed her she would have to extend her dialysis treatments to six hours a visit, and the chest catheter would have to eventually be moved to her leg. The most horrifying news came when her doctor said she was at the point where she could go to sleep

and never awaken.

The young mother's best chance for a normal life was a kidney transplant.

After reading about Marie, Mrs. Vanderwilt immediately decided she wanted to help and began the process to qualify as an organ donor.

Kidney transplants have a high rate of success according to the National Kidney Foundation.

Few people have the courage, capability, willingness and opportunity to give of themselves as did Mary Vanderwilt, a fact Marie discovered herself; once while driving ahead of someone who agreed to go find out if they would be a match for organ donation, the would-be donor literally disappeared from her rearview mirror, abandoning her on the way to get tested.

Mary Vanderwilt, however, saw the process through. In September 2005, after five months and a battery of tests to determine compatibility, she donated one of her kidneys to Marie McCauley. Today Mrs. McCauley is doing well and living free of catheters and dialysis treatments.

*In December the McCauley family was transferred to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. On the eve of their departure, Mary wrote a letter to her kidney recipient and, although they are friends now, Mary's letter tells of how she came about her decision to give a complete stranger a gift of life.*



**Organ donor, Mary Vanderwilt (left), director Family Support shows her kidney last meetings prior to the McCauley family's reassignment to Randolph Air Force Base.**

## **Military organ donor**

For those wishing to register as an organ donor there are a number of Web sites with information on donor programs to visit. An important item to keep in mind while doing research is that requirements for registering vary by state.

A comprehensive Web site on organ donation procedures is maintained by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and can be found at [www.organdonor.gov](http://www.organdonor.gov).

Military members wanting to donate an organ



# My wife through organ donation



recipient, Marie McCauley, pictures of her family during one of their  
Base, Texas.

Dear Marie,

In the past couple months a lot of people have asked me why I gave you my kidney and I thought you might like to know too.

In order to get it right, I'll have to start back a little ways. For more than a year I had been asking God to give me something to do. I know God uses all kinds of people and I figured he could find something for me too.

Fast forward to April 2005. I sat down at my desk one morning with the Airtides and began reading about this woman who needed a kidney. A couple of things ran through my mind. First, this person was just like me: a wife, a mom, somebody's daughter. I thought how desperate this woman's husband, daughter and parents must be for someone to help. The other thing I was thinking was how different my life would have been if my father, who died when I was a little girl, had lived, and I began to think what your family's life

would be like without you.

I knew right then what I was supposed to do. I don't think I've ever been so sure of anything in my life. After calling (my husband), Bruce, to see what he thought, I called you.

When you answered the phone, my first impression was that you were a person who had given up hope. I thought if you didn't get help - and soon -

you might not make it. So I made up my mind to go forward with the testing process.

I just kept giving blood (and other fluids), talking to the social worker and submitting the paperwork. And tests kept coming back positive.

Finally, in August I got a call from the transplant coordinator saying that my next appointment would be with a surgeon. Unbelievable! After all that time (of testing for the transplant), it was finally going to happen!

We can laugh about it now that you're "partly white," but the morning we met at the surgeon's office, it occurred to me for the first time that race might be an issue - maybe you wouldn't want some white lady's kidney.

When you came through the door you turned and looked at me and I wasn't sure what the look on your face meant. You've since told me it was uncertainty that a kidney coming from a smaller woman would fit into your larger frame.

You know, I never really felt afraid, not even on the way to the hospital or in the operating room.

Rosa Parks said of her 1955 bus ride in Alabama, that sparked the Civil Rights Movement, that once she made up her mind she found courage to refuse to give up her seat. And that's pretty much how I felt. Once I made up my mind to give you a kidney, I found the courage to do it. There were a couple of times when doubt crept up on me, but it didn't last long. I thought again about how much your family needed you and how much you needed my kidney.

People have asked me if I have thought about what might happen if I need a kidney some day. Here's how I look at it: There are no guarantees in life. God either knows I don't need that kidney, or will take care of me when and if I do.

Marie, I want you to have a beautiful

life. Please don't think every day that you owe me. You don't owe me anything. Just live your life. Take showers, drink water, eat bananas, go to parties and enjoy

**"God either knows I don't need that kidney, or will take care of me when and if I do."**

— Mary Vanderwilt  
director, Family Support

yourself! I'll miss you!

## procedures listed

must follow AFI 44-102. Reserve members must also contact their unit medical squadron to inform them once their registration is complete.

Additionally, the medical squadron must be informed if the reservist is scheduled for an organ donation surgery according to a 514th Aerospace Medical Squadron representative.

AMDS personnel will annotate the date of the surgery and what organ is being donated in the reservist's medical records.



# DeCA streamlines returned check process for patrons

**By Rick Brink**  
Defense Commissary Agency

**FORT LEE, Va.** – New streamlined processing procedures for returned checks are viewed as a win-win situation for commissary shoppers and for store employees looking for better ways to provide customer service.

That's because the new centralized returned-check processing won't affect the way shoppers write checks but will substantially reduce the number of paper checks returned to commissaries for insufficient funds.

Returned checks normally routed back to commissaries for collection will instead

be routed to a centralized processing site run by a business that has successfully performed this service for a variety of businesses that process a high volume of low-value transactions, said Pamela Conklin, DeCA's director of accounting.

Instead of commissary employees having to contact customers who wrote insufficient-fund checks, the centralized processor will electronically deduct the checks from customers' checking accounts and will start procedures to assess the insufficient fund administrative fee. These deductions have a high success rate because pay cycles have sufficiently replenished customers' accounts to cover the checks.

This more efficient process, which won't cost customers any more money in insufficient-fund service charges, will standardize redemption processes within commissaries and allow store employees to devote more time to customer service, said Mrs. Conklin, who called it a "win-win situation."

Only commissaries in the United States will institute the process. The new process results from a collaborative effort between DeCA, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, the U.S. Department of Treasury, Bank of America and Solutran, the firm that will provide the returned check processing services.

## DeCA check processing Qs & As

**Who can I call at the Defense Commissary Agency if I have questions on the status of my account with the centralized processor?**

Questions about the program and the collection process on the account can be addressed to the Agency's customer service liaison, Ms. Judy Blair or Mr. J.D. Littman, toll free 1-866-893-5015. E-mail addresses [judy.blair@deca.mil](mailto:judy.blair@deca.mil), [john.littman@deca.mil](mailto:john.littman@deca.mil) or [rcmprogram@deca.mil](mailto:rcmprogram@deca.mil). You may contact HQ DeCA/RCM, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. EST Monday through Friday. Please allow 5-7 business days for check to reach processing center.

**How is the money taken from my checking account?**

The central processing center will use Represented Check Entry (RCK), which utilizes the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network to transmit ACH debit transactions to your bank once a check has been returned for insufficient or uncollected funds.

**Is this legal?**

Yes, it was approved by NACHA (National Automated Clearing House Association) in 1998 and the Code of Federal Regulations (31 C.F.R. Part 210).

**Do I need to be notified of an RCK transaction?**

Notice is required to be posted at the point of sale stating that in the event that a check returns for insufficient or uncollected funds, it may be converted to an electronic format for representation.

**Can I be charged a Service Fee on RCK Items?**

Yes, because the check was originally cashed as paper item, the transaction is viewed as a Uniform Commercial Code transaction and thus the ability to charge a service fee is legal. The collection for the administrative fee will be transitioned in during the deployment of the new program.

**How will this appear on my bank statement?**

Currently it is regulated by NACHA that "REDEPCHECK," the company name (DFAS) and check number prints on the

consumers bank statement.

**Can I stop the RCK from being presented against my account?**

No, by writing a check at the Commissary after having the opportunity to read the notice at the point of sale, you agree that if your check is returned for insufficient or uncollected funds that the check may be collected electronically.

**Will my bank send the NSF (Non-Sufficient Funds) check back through a second time?**

No, under the RCK process if a check fails to clear your account the first time it will be forwarded using the Automated Clearing House process to the central processing center. Please allow 5-7 business days for the check to reach the clearing house before making inquiries.

**I wrote a NSF check at the commissary a few months ago, how would I tell if I am on the bad checklist?**

DeCA uses the term "negative check file", simply ask the customer service department to make an inquiry into the system or call the RCM toll free number, 1-866-893-5015.

**Once the NSF face value of the check has been electronically collected, can I resume writing personal checks?**

You can resume check writing at the commissary, 60 days from receipt of your NSF check by the centralized processor, assuming the collection on the face value of the NSF check has been obtained.

**How will I know when my 60-day check writing privileges are suspended?**

When you receive notification from your bank that the original payment to the commissary was unsuccessful.

**What if I already have an outstanding NSF check with the commissary?**

All NSF checks written prior to start of program will be handled under collection procedures at the commissary check was written at, or after 30 days at DFAS, Columbus, OH (Toll Free 1-800-635-6045). You will be notified by commissary or DFAS on the procedures for collection.



## Band brings holiday beats to deployed troops via AFRC transport

By Lt. Col. Bob Thompson

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs (deployed)

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany – After playing for the troops in Korea earlier this year, country music band Trick Pony went back in the saddle again, slapping leather with Airmen on the other side of the world.

They started riding with the Air Force Reserve Nov. 21 to Germany, Turkey and a forward-operating base in Southwest Asia. Their final stop was Keflavik, Iceland, Dec. 2.

“We want to meet as many of the troops as possible and to thank them,” said Pony’s front woman Heidi Newfield. “We appreciate their sacrifices.”

Carried from gig to gig by Air Force Reserve Command crews on a C-17 cargo aircraft and a KC-10 refueler aircraft crewed by 514th Air Mobility Wing aircrew members, the Ponies were joined by soloist John Popper of Blues Traveler and four New England Patriots cheerleaders.

“These guys took time out of their schedule and traveled half-way around the world to make us feel special and unique,” said Col. Tip Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander at Incirlik AB, Turkey. “They made our holiday. They made a great connection with the troops. It was energizing.”

During the trip, the Country Music Award-winning band spent Thanksgiving Day at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. The musicians met with wounded troops, shared turkey dinner with the military patients and signed autographs.

Back on stage, the performers’ two- to three-hour show included jam sessions with John Popper, who sang his platinum-selling, Grammy-winning song “Run Around.”

Trick Pony’s show mixes country and rock. The performers conclude each night’s concert with their crowd-pleasing signature song “Pour Me.”

After each show, the band spends hours signing autographs and taking pictures with the long line of troops eager to meet the entertainers.

At the close of each performance, Ms. Newfield sums up the evening with a shout out, “Thank you for everything you do! We love you!”

From the cheering crowds of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen it was obvious that the feelings were mutual.

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Photo by Kenn Mann

**LAST LAUGH - (left) Maj. Gen. Marvin J. Barry, mobilization assistant to the Chief of the Air Force Reserve, and Col. (Sel.) James Scanlan, commander 76th Air Refueling Squadron, is received by his family and 514th Air Mobility Wing members after his fini-flight, flown here, Dec. 16.**

## AF releases new mission statement

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The realities of the world have changed dramatically since the creation of the Air Force in 1947 and continue to change almost daily.

With these changes in mind, Air Force leaders released a new mission statement Dec. 7 that defines the current and future direction of the Air Force.

“Today, our world is fast paced, constantly shifting and filled with a wide range of challenges,” Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley wrote in a joint Letter to Airmen. “Our mission is our guiding compass, and now more than ever we need it to be clear and precise.”

The mission statement defines the “where and what” the Air Force accomplishes on a daily basis:

The mission of the United States Air Force is to deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests — to fly and fight in Air, Space, and Cyberspace.

The statement includes two new concepts, “sovereign options” and “cyberspace,” which the secretary and chief defined.

They said having sovereign options is the essence of being a superpower.

“Our task is to provide the president, the combatant commanders, and our nation with an array of options ... options that are not limited by the tyranny of distance, the urgency of time, or the strength of our enemy’s defenses,” they said. “With one hand the Air Force can deliver humanitarian assistance to the farthest reaches of the globe, while with the other hand we can destroy a target anywhere in the world.”

The term cyberspace includes network security, data transmission and the sharing of information.

“We have quite a few of our Airmen dedicated to cyberspace ... from security awareness, making sure the networks can’t be penetrated, as well as figuring out countermeasures,” Secretary Wynne said. “The Air Force is a natural leader in the cyber world and we thought it would be best to recognize that talent.” Adversaries of the United States will use any method or venue necessary to contest America, and it is an Airman’s calling to dominate air, space and cyberspace, the leaders said.

“If we can decisively and consistently control these commons, then we will deter countless conflicts,” they said. “If our enemies underestimate our resolve, then we will fly, fight, and destroy them.”

Using past air power pioneers as examples of understanding the mission, they said, “The Air Force’s mission statement has evolved over time, but it does not change the nature of who we are or what we do.”

# 9 one-stars, 15 colonels get promotion nod

WASHINGTON - Nine brigadier generals and 15 colonels in the Air Force Reserve were nominated by the president Nov. 22 for promotion to the next higher rank.

Among those named for promotion are six Air Force Reserve Command wing commanders.

The following one-star generals are nominated for promotion to major general:

Brig. Gens. David L. Frostman, mobilization assistant to the commander of the Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.;

James W. Graves, MA to the commander of Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii;

Linda S. Hemminger, deputy joint staff surgeon and director of reserve medical readiness operations and affairs, Joint Staff, Pentagon;

John M. Howlett, MA to the commander of Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.;

Harold L. Mitchell, MA to the commander of 18th Air Force, Scott AFB;

Hanferd J. Moen Jr., director of warfighting capabilities assessment, Office of Air Force Reserve, Pentagon;

William M. Rajczak, vice director of requirements and integration and MA to the commander of U.S. Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Va.;

David N. Senty, MA to the director of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, deputy chief of staff for air and space operations, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon; and

Erika C. Steuterman, chancellor of the National Security Space Institute and MA to the vice commander of Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

The following reservists are nominated for promotion to brigadier general:

Cols. John M. Allen, MA to the deputy assistant secretary for acquisition integration, Office of the Assistant Secretary of

the Air Force for Acquisition, Arlington, Va.;

Robert E. Bailey Jr., inspector general, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Ga.;

Eric W. Crabtree, commander of the 446th Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash.;

Dean J. Despinoy, commander of the 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.;

Wallace W. Farris Jr., commander of the 439th AW, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.;

John C. Fobian, commander of the 433rd AW, Lackland AFB, Texas;

Thomas W. Hartmann, MA to the staff judge advocate, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio;

James R. Hogue, MA to the commander of the Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, Calif.;

Mark A. Kyle, commander of the 919th Special Operations Wing, Eglin AFB Aux. Field 3, Fla.;

Carol A. Lee, MA to the commander of the 59th Medical Wing, Lackland AFB;

Jon R. Shasteen, MA to the commander of the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nev.;

Robert O. Tarter, commander of the 917th Wing, Barksdale AFB, La.;

Howard N. Thompson, MA to the director for operational capabilities requirements, deputy chief of staff for air and space operations, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon;

Christine M. Turner, MA to the director of legislative liaison, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon; and

Paul M. Van Sickle, reserve director, U.S. Southern Command, Miami, Fla.

These promotions take effect upon U.S. Senate confirmation and by the direction of the chief of Air Force Reserve.

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## Expeditionary Course

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educates and trains Expeditionary Combat Support personnel in deployed operations. The school is responsible for developing and conducting EAGLE FLAG exercises, Expeditionary Combat Support and logistics formal training courses. It is the subject matter expert for providing Air Mobility Command's contingency skills and "Raven" aircraft security training.

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Students may enroll for the EMSG course through their major commands. For more information about the course, contact Ms. Refsdal at (609) 754-7365, e-mail [patricia.refsdal.ctr@mcguire.af.mil](mailto:patricia.refsdal.ctr@mcguire.af.mil); or Ms. Michelle Bernett at (609) 754-7375, e-mail [michelle.bernett.ctr@mcguire.af.mil](mailto:michelle.bernett.ctr@mcguire.af.mil).

## AFRC vice commander retires

**By 1st Lt. Mattie Fuller**

*Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs*

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.** — Maj. Gen. David E. Tanzi, Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, retires in a ceremony Jan. 11 after 37 years of service.

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRC commander, will officiate the ceremony.

Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, former commander of AFRC's 10th Air Force, will become vice commander and assume responsibility for the daily operation of the headquarters.

"The past year has been extremely busy for our command," said General Tanzi. "Reservists have really stepped up to the plate. They've volunteered for deployments around the world, in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as in our own backyard during the hurricane relief efforts. It has been my privilege to serve with them."

As vice commander, General Tanzi oversaw the day-to-day operation for the Air Force Reserve Command and its headquarters here. AFRC has about 75,000 reservists who train and deploy regularly. The command is composed of three numbered Air Forces divided into 36 wings, three flying groups, one space group and more than 600 subordinate units. He reported to General Bradley, who serves on the Air Staff at the Pentagon.



# Air Force declares F-22A operational

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. - The Air Force's most advanced weapon system is ready for combat, Air Force officials here announced Thursday.

In reaching initial operational capability, the F-22A Raptor has been certified ready for employment.

Declaring the transformational fighter IOC means the Raptor's proven capabilities are now available for use in combat around the globe and are supported by a properly trained and equipped force. It also means the aircraft is qualified to perform homeland defense missions when required. In the words of Gen. Ronald E. Keys, Air Combat Command commander, "If we go to war tomorrow, the Raptor will go with us."

"F-22A IOC means our warfighters now have an unprecedented lethal mix of air-to-air and air-to-ground capabilities at their disposal," General Keys said. "The Raptor's cutting-edge technology brings us continued joint air dominance despite advancing enemy threats."

Reaching the IOC milestone culminates a collaborative effort between Air Force organizations and the service's industry partners over the past 25 years. The road to IOC included the F-22A Sys-

tem Program Office turning Air Force requirements into a successful acquisition program; developmental flight test and evaluation, simulation and ground testing at Edwards AFB, Calif., and Eglin AFB, Fla.; engine testing at Arnold AFB, Tenn.; missile testing at Holloman AFB, N.M., and over the Pacific Test Range; tactics development at Nellis AFB, Nev.; pilot and maintenance training at Tyndall AFB, Fla.; and deployability here.

"The F-22A fulfills a long quest to bring fifth-generation capabilities of stealth, supercruise and precision to the warfighter today and 30 years from today," General Keys said. "Now that we have met our first promised milestone of a fully capable, multi-mission platform ready for combat, we are already focused on furthering our integrated tactics development, refining our deployability, and growing and training our force. To add to what we learned on our successful first operational deployment to the Utah Test and Training Range to drop (joint direct attack munitions), fly against double-digit (surface-to-air missiles) at Nellis, and work (close air support) with

F-16 FAC-As, we will conduct our first routine peacetime exercise deployment by taking 12 Raptors to Alaska in June for

Northern Edge."

Designed to ensure America's air dominance for years to come, the F-22A will ensure U.S. joint forces' freedom from attack and freedom to attack, even as adversaries continue to advance their weapons and technologies.

"As I told (Air Force Chief of Staff) Gen. (T. Michael) Moseley, he and I have spent our lifetime executing, instructing, and providing air dominance for the joint force. Lamentably, we have never been privileged to hold a weapon like this in our hands. After reviewing our test results, seeing our operational deployment performance, and talking to the pilots that will go to war with it, I am confident that the F-22A joins the combat force at a far more mature and capable level than any of our previous great aircraft, and will take its rightful place in a long line of U.S. Air Force legends of the air," General Keys said.

The first combat-ready Raptors are assigned to the 27th Fighter Squadron, one of three squadrons assigned to the 1st Fighter Wing here.

The squadron's current combat deployment capability with the F-22A is a 12-ship package designed to execute air-to-air and air-to-ground missions.

## SALARY TABLE 2006-PHL

INCORPORATING THE 2.1% GENERAL SCHEDULE INCREASE AND A LOCALITY PAYMENT OF 18.04%  
FOR THE LOCALITY PAY AREA OF PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN-VINELAND, PA-NJ-DE-MD

(See <http://www.opm.gov/oca/06tables/locdef.asp> for definitions of locality pay areas.)

(TOTAL INCREASE 3.30%)

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2006

Annual Rates by Grade and Step

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	\$ 19,302	\$ 19,946	\$ 20,589	\$ 21,227	\$ 21,869	\$ 22,247	\$ 22,880	\$ 23,519	\$ 23,545	\$ 24,139
2	21,702	22,217	22,936	23,545	23,807	24,507	25,207	25,907	26,607	27,307
3	23,679	24,469	25,258	26,048	26,838	27,627	28,417	29,207	29,996	30,786
4	26,581	27,468	28,354	29,241	30,127	31,014	31,900	32,787	33,673	34,560
5	29,740	30,732	31,723	32,715	33,706	34,698	35,689	36,681	37,672	38,664
6	33,152	34,256	35,361	36,466	37,571	38,676	39,781	40,886	41,990	43,095
7	36,839	38,067	39,294	40,522	41,750	42,977	44,205	45,432	46,660	47,888
8	40,798	42,158	43,518	44,878	46,237	47,597	48,957	50,317	51,677	53,037
9	45,062	46,564	48,067	49,570	51,072	52,575	54,078	55,580	57,083	58,586
10	49,624	51,278	52,931	54,585	56,239	57,893	59,546	61,200	62,854	64,508
11	54,521	56,339	58,157	59,975	61,793	63,611	65,428	67,246	69,064	70,882
12	65,347	67,525	69,703	71,880	74,058	76,236	78,414	80,592	82,770	84,947
13	77,708	80,298	82,888	85,477	88,067	90,657	93,247	95,837	98,426	101,016
14	91,827	94,888	97,948	101,009	104,070	107,131	110,192	113,252	116,313	119,374
15	108,015	111,615	115,215	118,816	122,416	126,016	129,616	133,216	136,817	140,417

## 2006 Reserve Pay for Four Drills

### Years of Service

	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
O-8	1,102.80	1,138.92	1,162.88	1,169.60	1,199.48	1,249.48	1,261.08	1,308.56	1,322.16	1,363.04	1,422.16	1,476.72	1,513.16	1,513.16	1,513.16
O-7	916.36	958.92	978.64	994.28	1,022.64	1,060.60	1,083.00	1,115.32	1,147.72	1,249.48	1,335.44	1,335.44	1,335.44	1,335.44	1,342.20
O-6	679.20	746.16	795.12	795.12	798.12	832.36	836.88	836.88	884.44	968.52	1,017.88	1,067.20	1,095.28	1,123.68	1,178.84
O-5	566.20	637.82	682.00	690.28	717.80	734.32	770.56	797.16	831.48	884.08	909.08	933.84	961.92	961.92	961.92
O-4	488.52	565.52	603.24	611.68	646.68	684.24	730.96	767.44	792.72	807.24	815.68	815.68	815.68	815.68	815.68
O-3	429.52	486.92	525.56	573.00	600.40	630.52	650.04	682.12	698.76	698.76	698.76	698.76	698.76	698.76	698.76
O-2	371.08	422.68	486.80	503.24	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60	513.60
O-1	322.16	335.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28	405.28
O-3E	-	-	-	573.00	600.40	630.52	650.04	682.12	709.12	724.60	745.72	745.72	745.72	745.72	745.72
O-2E	-	-	-	503.24	513.60	529.96	557.52	578.88	594.76	594.76	594.76	594.76	594.76	594.76	594.76
O-1E	-	-	-	405.28	432.84	448.80	465.16	481.24	503.24	503.24	503.24	503.24	503.24	503.24	503.24
E-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	536.28	548.44	563.76	581.80	599.92	629.04	653.64	679.60	719.20
E-8	-	-	-	-	-	439.00	458.44	470.44	484.84	500.44	528.60	542.88	567.16	580.64	613.80
E-7	305.16	333.08	345.84	362.76	375.92	398.60	411.32	424.04	446.72	458.08	468.84	475.44	497.68	512.08	548.48
E-6	263.96	290.40	303.24	315.68	328.68	358.00	369.40	382.04	393.16	397.08	399.80	399.80	399.80	399.80	399.80
E-5	241.88	258.04	270.48	283.28	303.16	320.28	332.88	336.88	336.88	336.88	336.88	336.88	336.88	336.88	336.88
E-4	221.72	233.08	245.68	258.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12	269.12
E-3	200.16	212.76	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60	225.60
E-2	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32	190.32
E-1	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80	169.80

E-1 with less than four months: \$157.08

## BRIEFS

### Free SAT software available

Free scholastic assessment test and ACT preparation software is available to all military families for the school year 2005-2006. Donated by National Football League Players through the Victory Sports Group sponsorship, the eKnowledge SAT and ACT Power Prep Programs, valued at \$199 each, can be ordered by first verifying the requestor's military status at [www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/).

Servicemembers may request as many programs they need and pay only the shipping and handling fees.

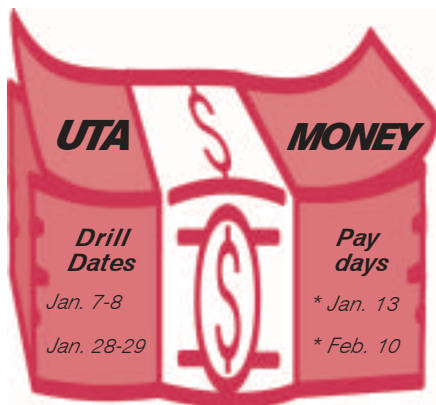
### TRICARE rates increase

The TRICARE Reserve Select monthly premiums for calendar year 2006 have increased \$6 for member-only coverage and \$20 for family coverage bringing the total to \$81 monthly for individuals and \$253 monthly for families. The 8.5 per-

cent monthly increase is in accordance with 10 USC 1076d and 32 CFR 199.24.

### New CLEP testing procedures

Thomas Edison State College is now running the base CLEP program. CLEP tests are offered at the McGuire AFB Library at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. For more information visit [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/exams.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/exams.html).



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